

## **Stories of Gratitude**

We thank you for your support in helping students at our 33 member campuses complete their academic dreams.





"This scholarship will help remove some financial barriers, making my educational and career goals more easily achievable and allowing me to participate in more activities that will enhance my experiences such as internships, volunteer opportunities, and for me to play trumpet in the pep band!"

**MEGAN, MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY** AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY SCHOLAR

"This scholarship award motivates me to continue to pour my hard work and effort into my studies and maintain a high level of performance to accomplish my goals. One day, I hope to make a similar positive impact on a student as an alumna and continue to be a leader in service to others."



## **MEGAN, WALSH UNIVERSITY TED AND LINDA SWALDO SCHOLAR**



"As an aspiring black female artist, when I saw that I was given your scholarship award, it widened my perspective. I see this as a chance to engage more with other scholars and artists, as well as new friends, teachers, and mentors at Denison interested in helping to expand social capital. Your support also decreased my financial stress as a student."

**RENAL DENISON UNIVERSITY** JIM AND FRANCIE HENRY FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

89%

Graduation rate for **OFIC Student Scholars** 

OFIC Dataset, 2022

"I will continue to strive, exceed, and achieve all the goals I have set for myself, and will do so, motivated by your kindness."

**DOMINIC, JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY** DAVID AND INEZ MYERS FOUNDATION SCHOLAR





## **Higher Education Pays Off**

Earning a bachelor's degree nearly doubles annual earnings over that of high school grads.

J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Guide to the Markets, 2021



\$39,371

High School Grad Bachelor's Degree Grad



"By receiving this award, you have lessened my financial burden of student loans and have allowed me to focus on my school work rather than focusing on loans after I graduate. You have given me a gift that the words 'thank you' do not do justice."

MADISON, WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY HUNTINGTON BANK SCHOLAR

90%

of independent campus graduates are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or serving in the military.

NACE First Destinations for the Class of 2020, 2020

"The remainder of my educational pursuits would not be possible without your generous support. Thank you for providing me with even more opportunities."







"I look forward to where I will be a year from today and know that whatever happens, I will be happy with where my career takes me. Without the contributions made by you and others, none of this would have been possible."

SHAWN, NOTRE DAME COLLEGE
THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



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